## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 949**

## By Johnson P

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Walter and Krystyna Zurawicki upon gaining their United States citizenship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to recognize those individuals who hold such a deep and abiding appreciation for this country that they gladly undergo the rigorous process to become United States citizens; and

WHEREAS, Walter and Krystyna Zurawicki of Kingston Springs are two such individuals who have recently been sworn in as United States citizens; and

WHEREAS, natives of Poland, Mr. and Mrs. Zurawicki immigrated to the United States in 1983 after their home country declared martial law and Mr. Zurawicki was imprisoned for one and one-half years for his work as part of the Solidarity movement that challenged Communist rule; and

WHEREAS, the Zurawickis arrived in New York City and were sent to Chicago, where they suffered a devastating loss of their home to fire; after five years in Chicago, the couple moved to Georgia before settling in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, through hard work and wise investments, the couple were able to capitalize upon the \$400 they brought to America and today are the proud and respected owners of two businesses, Wal Star Supply and Crown Tent and Awning; and

WHEREAS, they are most appreciative of the love and support they share with their daughters, Molly, who graduated with honors from Vanderbilt University; Marsha, who graduated with honors from Belmont University; and Alexandra, who is a top student and athlete at St. Henry School and who will attend Harpeth High School beginning in the fall of 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Zurawicki have taken many arduous steps to attain their citizenship, a truly noble task, and are wholly deserving of the formal recognition of the members of this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Walter and Krystyna Zurawicki upon gaining their United States citizenship, applaud their desire to fully integrate themselves into their adopted country, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success and happiness

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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